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"Mirrors"

Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 46.37.400 states in part, "(1) Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a mirror mounted on the left side of the vehicle and so located to reflect to the driver a view of the highway for a distance of at least two hundred feet to the rear of such vehicle. . . ." Vehicles are required to have an additional mirror, either inside the vehicle mounted centered with the windshield, or outside the vehicle on the right side. These mirrors should also reflect a view of the highway for a distance of at least two hundred feet to the rear of the vehicle.

Missing or inoperable mirrors can and do contribute to collisions. The Washington State Patrol would like to remind everyone of the importance of utilizing mirrors in addition to checking the blind spots prior to changing lanes.

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